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ULTRA HIGH MOLECULAR WEIGHT POLYETHYLENE

MOLDED ARTICLE FOR ARTIFICIAL JOINTS AND

METHOD OF PREPARING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, please consider the following.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.